

BACK FROM ST. PIERRE.

Steamer Alice M. Jacobs Arrived Yesterday Afternoon.

MADE SUCCESSFUL VOYAGE.

Encountered Heavy Ice Pack on Passage Home.

Steamer Alice M. Jacobs, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, of this port, which sailed from here two weeks ago Saturday and loaded 260,000 pounds of frozen squid at Provincetown and proceeded to St. Pierre, Miquelon, arrived home yesterday afternoon.

Today all is hustle and bustle on board of the steamer, as Capt. Jacobs is anxious to get south on the mackerel ground as soon as possible. A broken ring in the low pressure cylinder will delay him somewhat, but he will sail tomorrow evening, with everything ship shape to twine the first mackerel school that comes his way.

The trip just completed was a business one, and showed considerable enterprise on the part of Capt. Jacobs. This morning he expressed himself as well satisfied with the result of the venture.

After loading the squid at Provincetown, the steamer sailed from there two weeks ago Wednesday and reached St. Pierre, Miquelon, the following Saturday. To avoid the ice, Capt. Jacobs went to the southward of Sable island, and St. Pierre bore 130 miles north-northeast before he shaped his course for it.

On reaching that port, he had no trouble in disposing of his cargo, the French bankers coming alongside and taking their baiting, although they had not yet fitted out. All were disposed of in this way except 20,000 pounds, which were put in cold storage, as Capt. Jacobs was anxious to get away and home to fit for seining.

In trying to reach home quickly a more direct route was taken, and consequently much more ice was encountered than on the passage down. A great deal of field ice was met and for 20 hours the Jacobs drifted through a field of 100 miles of it, which Capt. Jacobs says was the heaviest broken or pan ice he ever encountered. The steamer came through it in good shape, however, and sustained no damage.

On the ice floe, in latitude 46 north, longitude 58 west, they sighted two large herds of young hood seals. Capt. Jacobs estimated that there were at least 3000 in the two bunches and a sealer could have easily secured them.

The Jacobs put in at Liverpool, N. S., and secured some coal and proceeded home without further incident.

Capt. Jacobs says the fishermen were pleased with the squid and wanted him to return in about three weeks with a cargo of herring for which they were willing to pay a big price.

NO MACKEREL YET.

So Reported the Bluefishermen from Cape Hatteras.

Weather Fine But Schools Have Not Been Seen.

A special to the TIMES this afternoon from Fortress Monroe states that as yet no mackerel have been sighted.

Several of the blue fishing fleet have been in there since March 21, but of all the arrivals up to to-day, not one has sighted a school of mackerel, although they have been on the look-out for them.

These bluefishing craft fish down toward Cape Hatteras, about where mackerel are generally first reported each spring, and from their reports it would seem that the schools have not come along yet, although the pleasant weather prevailing there will no doubt hasten their northward journey.

SEALERS STILL MISSING.

Much Anxiety at St. John's Over Whereabouts of Absent Fleet.

A despatch from St. John's N. F., yesterday, says:

None of the vessels of the sealing fleet have returned to port, although they have been gone 17 days. It is feared that the vessels have either been frozen into the northern bays, remote from any telegraph station.

Much anxiety prevails, as it is very unusual for the fleet to be absent so long without being reported or sighted. The weather is extremely severe, being marked by furious gales and intense frosts. The sealing crews must have suffered considerably, even if they have escaped disaster.

March 26"

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Massachusetts, via Boston, 8000 lbs. salt cod, 20,000 lbs. fresh cod.
Steamer Alice M. Jacobs, St. Pierre, Mig.
Shore boats, 15,000 lbs. fresh cod.

Today's Market.

Board of Trade prices: Large handline Georges cod, \$4.25 per cwt.; medium do., \$3.25; large trawl Georges, \$3.75; medium do., \$3.25; handline cod from deck, caught east of Cape Sable, \$4.00; medium do., \$3.25; large trawl bank cod, \$3.25; medium do., \$3.00; large dory handline cod, \$3.50; medium do., \$3.25.

Board of Trade splitting prices on fresh fish.—All cod caught on Le Have Bank and to the westward: Large, \$2; medium, \$1.40; all cod caught to the eastward of Le Have Bank, large, \$1.75; medium, \$1.25; snapper cod fish, 40 cts.; cusk, \$1.30; haddock, 75 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, 50 cts.

Bank halibut, 4 cents per lb. for white and gray.

Boston.

Sch. Yankee, 15,000 cod.
Sch. Galatea, 7400 cod.

Sch. George W. Tubee, 5000 cod.
Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 8500 haddock, 400 cod, 200 pollock.
Sch. Flavilla.
Sch. Manhasset, 25,000 haddock, 17,000 cod, 2000 hake, 3000 cusk.
Sch. William A. Morse, 16,000 haddock, 4000 cod.
Sch. Livonia, 500 haddock, 9000 cod.
Sch. Vidia M. Brigham, 5000 haddock, 2600 cod, 500 hake.
Sch. Caviare, 22,000 haddock, 26,000 cod.
Haddock \$1.50 to \$3, large cod \$2 to \$3, market cod \$2 to \$3, hake \$1.25 to \$1.50.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Capt. Joseph E. Graham will now fit sch. Lena and Maud for seining.
Capt. Charles H. Harty is fitting out sch. Mary E. Harty for seining.
Sch. Conductor is fitting for salt banking under command of Capt. Alex. Haines.
Sch. Vigilant, Capt. Henry A. Curtis, will fit in May for Cape Shore seining.